

PORTSMOUTH.

THE PORT OF PORTSMOUTH

The Stray Doings of a Day of Rain and Routine.

NO HUSTINGS BUSINESS

The Case of Birdsong, Charged With Cruelty to Animals. The Butchers Seek Rent Reduction. Prosperous Railroad Employes.

There was a heavy fog yesterday morning on the river.

Mrs. Mary Willsall, of New York, is visiting friends in the city.

There was no business transacted in the Hustings Court yesterday.

Dr. Robertson had a fine horse to die from lockjaw Wednesday night.

Mr. A. H. Lindsay will move into his new store about the 20th instant.

The Junior Order of American Mechanics have taken a boom in this city.

Montank Tribe of Red Men will have refreshments to-night after their meeting.

Rev. Sam. Small will address the meeting at the Y. M. C. A. rooms Sunday afternoon.

A Chinaman and a negro man had a set to up town yesterday. The Chinaman was knocked out.

Aspirants for offices, which will be filled at the May election, have commenced already to look around.

The railroad employees and the navy-yard men have both been paid this week. The results will be felt when the weather breaks.

The mail train which was due here at 11:30 a. m. did not arrive until near 2 o'clock, and the 6 p. m. train did not arrive until near midnight.

The sidewalk on the corner of Third and Henry streets, which was complained of to the Council Tuesday night, was repaired yesterday.

Yesterday morning at an early hour the rain came down in torrents. The streets had a good washing and were much improved by it.

A negro named Ferebee, who killed the white woman in Huntersville Wednesday night, was brought to the county jail last night.

The case of the negro man named Birdsong, charged with cruelty to animals, was dismissed yesterday, a veterinary surgeon having stated that the horse mentioned had not been cruelly treated.

Portsmouth Division, U. R. K. of P., have accepted an invitation from Seaboard Lodge, K. of P., to attend divine services at Trinity Church Sunday night. They will attend in full dress uniform.

The second practical talk in the series arranged by the Y. M. C. A. will be given this evening at 8:15 o'clock by Dr. Charles L. Crow, of Norfolk. The men of the city are cordially invited to attend all of these lectures.

The butchers in the market will present a petition to the council at their next meeting, requesting them to reduce the rent of the stalls on account of the dull times. They claim that their business has been cut off considerably since the market has been located where it now is.

An Afternoon Marriage.

A very pretty marriage was solemnized yesterday afternoon at 108 Court street. The contracting parties were Miss Sarah Thomson Howe, daughter of Mr. D. M. Howe, late of Roanoke, and Mr. Wm. McD. Young, of West Virginia. The ceremony was performed

by Rev. Mr. Allison. Mr. Frank Jennings, of Lynchburg, acted as best man and Miss Margaret Longhlin, of Roanoke, as maid of honor. The bride was attired in white satin trimmed in point lace and had in her hand a bunch of Bride roses. Miss Longhlin wore pink silk and carried a bunch of La France roses. The happy couple after receiving the congratulations of their friends left for a Northern tour. On their return they will reside at McDowell, W. Va.

ANNUAL MEETINGS.

Stockholders of the Bank of Portsmouth and Merchants and Farmers.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Portsmouth, was held at 12 o'clock yesterday.

Judge L. R. Watts, the president, submitted his annual statement of the condition of the bank which was very gratifying.

During the year the bank paid to its stockholders \$5,000 in dividends, and during the same period carried to its surplus fund the amount of \$10,000. The following gentlemen were chosen to serve as directors for the ensuing twelve months: L. R. Watts, J. F. Weaver, W. V. H. Williams, G. L. Neville, Thomas Scott, J. L. Watson, J. E. Trotman, E. N. Wilcox, Goodrich Hatton.

After the stockholders adjourned the directors assembled and re-elected Judge L. R. Watts president, and Mr. Joseph L. Bilsoly cashier.

A banquet was served to the stockholders which was greatly enjoyed.

THE MERCHANTS' AND FARMERS' BANK.

The stockholders of the Merchants and Farmers' Bank met yesterday at 12 o'clock. A large majority of the stock was represented in person and by proxy. This was shown to be in a prosperous condition, the reports of the officers showing a surplus fund of \$30,000. The following officers and directors were elected for the ensuing year: John T. Griffin, president; James H. Toomer, cashier; W. G. Maupin, assistant cashier and teller; James Wilson, bookkeeper; Daugherty, runner; John T. Griffin, Joseph A. Parker, Wright B. Carney, James T. Borum, Henry Kim, R. C. Marshall, T. J. Barlow, B. H. Owens, John L. Thomas, J. S. Crawford, were elected directors.

A banquet was served at 2 p. m. in the Kirm Hall.

Reorganize the Navy.

By Southern Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, January 10.—The House Naval Committee to day completed consideration of the bill to reorganize the navy and it will be reported to the House to-morrow.

It provides for a reserve list from the classes of 1861 to 1869 inclusive; confers positive rank upon the staff corps, equalizes the pay of all who may hereafter be appointed, provides for selections for flag rank among the list of Captains and recognizes the right of enlisted men, under certain circumstances, to obtain commissions in the navy and gives them the same privilege of naturalization and retirement as privates of the army.

Navy-Yard Notes.

The workmen were paid off yesterday for the last half of December.

The new cruiser Columbia, from the West Indies, arrived in Hampton Roads at 10 o'clock yesterday morning.

The United States steamer Raleigh was placed in the stone dry dock this morning to have her bottom painted. The dock was not long enough to hold the ship, and had to be extended by the removal of several stones at the west end.

Miss Ammen, daughter of Admiral Ammen, is visiting Mrs. Claiborne at the United States Hospital.

Election of Officers.

The Young Men's Mission met Wednesday night and elected the following officers: E. W. Owens, president; V. A. Grant, vice-president; Jonathan Martin, second vice-president; J. W. John, corresponding secretary; W. J. Joyner, financial secretary; E. L. Grimes, treasurer; J. S. Clark and Ed H. Parker, Executive Committee; H. T. Stafford and Thomas Arnold, Finance Committee; E. Grimes and W. J. Joyner, Committee on Rooms.

Mass-Meeting.

Portsmouth Council No. 44, Jr. O. U. A. M., received from the National Council a circular, instructing them to arrange a citizens' mass-meeting and secure speakers to discuss the "Evil of Immigration and Promiscuous Naturalization of Aliens," and adopt such resolutions as would seem in their judgment to meet the emergency. The time and place of meeting will be published in these columns.

Whitcomb's Farm Purchased.

A syndicate, composed of Wm. G. Parker, Dr. Charles L. Culpepper, James A. Mulvey and Jos. Parker, have purchased the old tract, on South street extended. There are sixty acres in the tract, which will be laid out in lots of about 10,000 in number, extending from South street to the Gosport road and from Chestnut street to Elm street. It will be known as Prentiss Place.

One ear of Indiana fine timothy hay at \$12 per ton. H. E. Owens, No. 275 and 279 Water street.

YESTERDAY A NEGRO MAN NAMED Wm. Smith, from Norfolk, walked home with a colored chamber maid from off the Baltimore boat, and after getting there he told her he was a fortune teller and could cure all kinds of diseases. He asked if she wanted her fortune told and was told to go on with it.

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Will sell you 5-4 Table Oil Cloth, 15c per yard. A Lace Curtain 3 1/2 yards long and 40 inches wide at \$1 per window.

A look in our window will demonstrate to you that we can save you 20 to 25 per cent. in BOYS' CLOTHING too.

Davenport & Bell,

BRANDT BUILDING,

215 HIGH ST.

WANTED—YOUNG MAN ABOUT 18 years old; must have fair English education and write a good hand; must come well recommended. Apply in own handwriting to BUSINESS, care of Virginian.

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